

# THANET QUILTERS

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## **WE WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME MONEY!!!**

Despite our best efforts we have not had any response to our request for anyone to come forward to ask for bursary money. So the committee have put their thinking caps on and come up with what we think is an excellent way of passing money back to you. At the June meeting we will be putting the names of each group in a hat and asking the speaker to do the draw. The lucky group will then be presented with a cheque for £50! All we ask is to tell us how you spent the money!

## **THEMES FOR STITCHES AND STEMS**

In the last newsletter it was announced that we would be joining the Margate Flower Society in another joint quilt/flower exhibition in Summer 2011. We are looking for twenty entries, ten for each of the following themes:

Traditional Quilt/Wall hanging:

**SUN, SEA AND SAND**

Art Quilt/Wall hanging:

**EAST MEETS WEST**

The quilts can be of made with any technique, any colour, hand or machine pieced and must measure approximately one metre by one metre and a half, either portrait or landscape. The quilts must be completed by Spring 2011 so they can be photographed. These will then be sent to the Society so that the ladies can plan their floral displays well in advance. We may also ask for fabric samples to be sent with the photographs so please save some scraps. There will be a prize of £100 for the best quilt in either section as judged by a nationally known quilter. Please call Kay Horne or any of the committee members for an entry form. Anyone can enter! We look forward to hearing from you!

## **LIBRARIAN WANTED**

Liz Holt as done a sterling job as librarian but due to change of circumstances at home she wants to hand the job on, so we are looking for someone to take over from her. If you are interested, give one of the committee a call. It is not a very onerous role, since taking over Liz has pared down the number of books. And one of the perks is the availability of the very latest patchwork and quilting books to browse through!!

## **VISIT TO V and A**

This long awaited trip certainly came up to our expectations and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The quilts were outstanding, and were very well displayed. It had been a long time since I had travelled through London so I particularly enjoyed the coach journey and seeing all the new sights. Thanks once again to Shirley for a very well organised trip that went off without a hitch. The surprise was being entertained on the coach by Chris Ewbank whilst waiting our turn to go in – *how did you organise that Shirley???* **KH**

## **TRIP TO HARROGATE**

The coach has been booked for Friday 3rd September for the two-night trip to the North of England Show. Will all those who put their names down kindly contact Shirley on 01843 843344 in order to allocate rooms. The cost will be £166 for two nights bed/breakfast and evening meal, entrance to show on one day and donation to the driver. For those requesting single rooms please add an extra £24 to the total. All monies to be received by August 1st 2010. Cheques should be made payable to Thanet Quilters please. If anyone does NOT now require a ticket, PLEASE let me know asap. **Shirley Gibbons**

An Exhibition of the work by *Village Textiles* students,  
including those completing City & Guilds Levels 2 and 3 Stitched  
Textiles

## "Textile Journeys"

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 5pm  
at: The Old School, Church Street, Minster,  
nr. Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4BX.

Admission £1. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

Crossed Threads will also be attending, offering a range of embroidery  
supplies

Further information from Barbara Inchley on 01843 847705

### LINUS UPDATE

Good news – *the 70 quilts for the Pegasus Play scheme are all gathered in* – a HUGE thank you as always for all your efforts – I knew we'd do it! They will be handed over in July – and I will get a photo then. For your information we now have another Linus Co-ordinator living in this area. Sandra moved here a few months ago and still covers her previous Linus area, but she has kindly offered to help me with my patch here in East Kent as well – so hopefully, between us, we can reach out to even more youngsters in need of the "Big Hug"

### LINUS NEWSFLASH !!

I have been the very lucky recipient of 17 very gorgeous quilts from the group run by Cathy Northcutt ...and I have sent a few of them to this June meeting for "Show & Tell". The quilts will be going to the Pegasus Play scheme and I have reached the 70 required very comfortably as I knew I would! I am now in contact with the NSPCC who are taking two or three quilts for a project based in Gillingham – and it may well be that more will be requested in the future. THANK YOU!! **Ann Fordham**

### SLEEPING BEAR CRAFTS

My wife Janet and I have been running the business here in Burgess Hill, West Sussex since 2003. We sell Fabric, Notions, Patterns, Kits, Quilting DVDs and run workshops. We also produce instructional DVDs with subtitles for the hard of hearing. **Alistair Cooper**  
[www.sleepingbearcrafts.com](http://www.sleepingbearcrafts.com)

### SMARTFROG

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### PATCHWORK AND QUILTING

Fabrics :Robert Kauffman; Marcus Brothers;  
Michael Oakshott etc

Calico -Hand dyed fabrics  
Threads, including King Tut  
Waddings - cotton & polyester  
Embellishments

Long Arm Quilting Service Now Available

Group Visits by Arrangement

**THANET QUILTERS  
WORKSHOP DAY  
Old School's Minster on Saturday 26th June  
10am to 4pm  
Come and spend the day  
and  
Join one of our free workshops:**

- *Make a roomy shoulder bag from your brightest fabrics. Embellish with automatic stitches – a chance to use all those decorative stitches on your sewing machine!*
- *Make useful purse from torn strips of glitzy fabric and embellish with all those decorative stitches you have never used!*
- *Convergence – here's a chance to try this interesting technique and make a beautiful wall hanging!.....*

**WE WILL ALSO HAVE A  
LUNCHTIME SHOW AND TELL**

**Bring along your quilts, especially those featured in recent show and tells – so that we can all see them up close!!**

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**VILLAGE TEXTILES  
C&G APPROVED INDEPENDENT CENTRE  
THANET, KENT**

New Courses starting September 2010

C&G Level 2 Certificate in Design & Craft

- EMBROIDERY 7716-39
- MACHINE EMBROIDERY 7716-45

Each course extends over 120 hrs, lasts one year and is held on alternate Fridays for 20 weeks.

C&G Level 3 Certificate in Design & Craft

- EMBROIDERY 7716-61
- MACHINE EMBROIDERY 7716-67

Each Level 3 course extends over 2 years and is held on alternate Fridays for 20 weeks/year.

I shall also be offering 3 x 5 week Non-Accredited courses on Alternate Wednesdays

- Autumn Term – Fragmented landscapes
- Spring Term – Themed embroidered book
- Summer Term – Embellish and stitch
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Please contact BARBARA INCHLEY for more information.

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## VILLAGE TEXTILES - Bargello Quilt Workshop

Using simple strip patchwork and rotary cutting techniques to explore how colour can be made to move across the fabric to create a small, abstract, quilted hanging. Advice about finishing techniques will also be given. This course is suitable for those with little experience.

Course Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 dependent on demand/preference

Course Duration: 1 Day (10.00 –16.00)

Course Location: Acol Village Hall

Cost: £15

To register an interest in participating in this workshop, please contact Barbara Inchley on 01843 847705 or by e-mail at [barbara.inchley@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.inchley@btinternet.com)

## DIARY OF EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June **Thanet & District Quilters**  
Quarterly Meeting Church House, Kent Close, Birchington.  
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start  
Speaker - Ferret  
Hostess – Viking  
Trader – Karrydotcom
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June **Oast Quilters**  
SHOWCASE EXHIBITION  
Simon Langton Boys School
- 26<sup>th</sup> June **Thanet Quilters Workshop**  
Convergence Quilt/ Bag making  
Minster Old School  
10 am – 4 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> July **Oast Quilters**  
Simon Langton Boys School  
Speaker – Janice Gunner “Pastime to Profession”  
Workshop – Triangle Trickery (Squashed Frogs)
- 11<sup>th</sup> July
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September **North of England show** – Harrogate
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September **“Textile Journeys”** Exhibition by Village Textile Students
- 25<sup>th</sup> September **Oast Quilters Open Day**  
AM Talk Inge Huber “Making Quilts”  
PM Talk Philippa Naylor “Making Award Winning Quilts”
- 26<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup> Workshop – Free Motion Feathers  
Workshop – Curved Piecing
- 5<sup>th</sup> October **Thanet & District Quilters**  
Quarterly Meeting Church House, Kent Close, Birchington.  
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start  
Speaker - Carolyn Forster  
Hostess – Needles and Pins  
Trader – TBA

**Editor's Note:** Please let me have any items for the next Newsletter by September 27th 2010